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talked about. We're not going to change the laws regarding our campaign laws today. But we can do something about what we're supposed to be here meeting about. Regent Hergert was asked to resign by this resolution by innumerable editorials in every What was his response? newspaper I read. Hire another attorney, and hire a lobbyist to twist our arms so that we might get a more favorable result for him. That's the response we got for asking him to resign. Do you really think that he's going to change, when he did that as his initial response? think so. In the past, if Legislatures shirked their duty, as some people have suggested, let's not let somebody down the line say that this Legislature shirked our duty. If we don't learn anything else from this exercise today, let's stand up and say...and be counted for where we stand. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Dwite Pedersen, followed by Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. First of all, I need to publicly state that I have regretted the fact that I signed on to the amendment of Senator Friend's, AM1757. And not because of Senator Friend, but because the reason I did was to be revengeful in the way a man treated me in committee hearing not too many months ago. And revenge does nothing to me but treat me as a cancer and eat away at me. And for that, I apologize. But it is beside me why we spend this much money to get these jobs that don't pay anything. What are we telling the people of Nebraska when we break the campaign laws and when we spend money like this to get offices we don't want? What's hidden here? Why are they untrustworthy of the regents and the senators and us politicians? Why do we have to set up so many laws to govern us, and so quick for us to break them, and lock up other people who have done lesser things, and fill our prisons with them? This bothers me. not going to vote for this legislative resolution, either for it or against it. But I will sure make sure in the future that I look more at Senator Beutler's work, and those of you who have worked with campaign laws, to see that we do the right thing for the people of Nebraska. That's what's most important here to me. How many times have we made laws in this body that governed agencies -- Health and Human Services, Corrections, Roads?